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12 October 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, DPD
SUBJECT: Proposed Schedule - October 1961

1. This memorandum contains recommendations for the approval of the Acting Chief, DPD. Such recommendations are contained in paragraph 7.

2. Aircraft status at this time is as follows:

- a. Aircraft 342 - in commission - time remaining 49 hours.
- b. Aircraft 343 - out - [] 6 November.
- c. Aircraft 344 - out - [] 28 October.
- d. Aircraft 358 - in - time remaining 11 hours.
- e. Aircraft 378 - in - time remaining 11 hours.

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3. The only over-riding requirement for local flying at [] is the completion of the checkout phase for [] To date [] has had only one ride in the U-2C. A minimum of two additional flights should be completed to consider him qualified. In view of pending operations we have an opportunity to gain for [] actual experience in preparation and launching of a mission. It is recommended that [] shipping date be adjusted as necessary to enable him to fly the U-2C on the 12th and 13th of October and deploy with the [] Detachment on at least one of the scheduled operational missions.

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4. Inflight refueling training and continued development of doctrine should be resumed the week of 6 November 1961. A separate memorandum will be prepared on this subject.

5. A representative from Special Projects Branch should be scheduled to participate in the pending staging operation at [] This is considered necessary to assure continued understanding of field problems by headquarters personnel.

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6. To accomplish the proposed operations it is recommended that the NIMBUS operation be scheduled not sooner than 26 October to allow adequate time to complete transition for [] and the periodic inspection. The [] operation should be scheduled as soon as possible due to the time remaining on the aircraft and to prevent excessive down time prior to deployment.

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7. It is recommended that:

25X1A a. [] complete transition training with the time remaining on aircraft 558.

25X1A b. [] reporting date be adjusted as necessary to accomplish this training.

25X1A c. [] stage with the [] detachment on the NIMBUS operation.

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25X1A d. A representative of SPB stage with the [] detachment to [].

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e. NIMBUS operation be confirmed for on or about 26 October 1961.

25X1A f. The staging to [] be scheduled as soon as possible after receipt of necessary approvals.

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[]
Chief, Special Projects Branch, DPD

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The recommendations contained in
paragraph 7. are approved:

SIGNED 12 OCT 1961

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